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SUBJECT: PW Intelligence Requirements

1. We sorely need specific intelligence for our PW activities in Albania. The attached outline has therefore been prepared as a PW guide for field personnel in the interrogation of Albanian expatriates, and returnees of other nationalities, as well as for the briefing and interrogation of infiltration groups.


2. Field personnel should be alerted to question newly-arrived Albanians along these lines; Albanians already on hand should be interrogated in the same way; and all findings should be forwarded to the home office.

3. We wish to emphasize that detailed local items are of the utmost importance, and that no piece of information is too small.

Enclosure

"PW Intelligence Requirements
for BGFIEND"

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PW INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR BGFIEND

Note: Local items are as important as information on the country as a whole.

1. Government personnel

- a. Names and backgrounds of deputies, prefects, members of local Soviets, police officials, directors of factories and mines, collective farms, and all other officials. Findings should include personal habits, vices, virtues, likes, dislikes, gossip, nicknames, and public reputation.
- b. Promises made by national or local officials and the record of their fulfillment.

2. The Communist Party

- a. Size, morale, loyalty of the Party membership, with special emphasis on the extent of sympathy for "National Communism."
- b. Party transmission-belts and official organs, including the names of outstanding officials of trade unions, the Komsomols, editorial staffs of newspapers, women's and academic organizations.

3. The Economy

- a. Wages and working conditions.
- b. Currency and public acceptance thereof; the banking system, etc.

4. Living Conditions

- a. Data on comparative living conditions, such as in city and country, or between farmers and workers.
- b. Inequalities existing between Party and non-Party members, government and private officials, farmers and workers.
- c. Weather conditions having effect on living standards, such as droughts and floods.
- d. Public health: Availability of medicines, prevalence of epidemics, conditions in hospitals.
- e. Prices paid producers for their goods and prices paid by consumers.
- f. Severe shortages or surpluses.
- g. Data on rations and rationing violations.
- h. Crop conditions.

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- i. Prevalence of black market activities and black market prices.
- j. Changes in towns: Buildings going up, buildings taken over by the government and reasons for it.

5. Police and terror

- a. Terror methods.
- b. Location and size of prisons and concentration camps, police headquarters, torture chambers.
- c. Tortures used, chief torturers, etc.
- d. Conditions in the prisons and concentration camps.
- e. Names of police spies, informers, and agents provocateurs.

6. The Soviets

Specific evidence of Albania's exploitation.

7. Public attitudes

- a. Reactions in specific localities to specific acts and policies of the regime.
- b. Reactions to the presence of Russians in Albania.
- c. Prejudices caused by Communist activities.

8. Public Morale

- a. Evidence of continuing anxieties, complaints, gripes, and frustrations.
- b. Optimistic or pessimistic rumors.
- c. Interest in current events as affecting the individual.
- d. Public apathy and indifference to the regime.

9. Miscellaneous

- a. News of towns: Fires, non-political crimes, evidence of corruption, items of gossip.
- b. Social policies of the government which offend ancient traditions.